

## Sample FCAT Questions Informational Text

### **Cause and Effect – LA.910.1.7.4**

#### **Sample Item 25 Cause and Effect**

The Grade 9 sample item below is based on “Swing Is the Thing!” on page G–6.

According to the article, what is one reason for swing music losing its role as a major form of entertainment?

- A. Swing music fans began wearing unusual clothing.
- B. Young people chose to attend summer music camps.
- C. Swing music concerts started to attract unruly crowds.
- D. People became interested in listening to individual singers.

#### **Sample Item 26 Cause and Effect**

The Grade 10 sample item below is based on “Cutting Off the World’s Roof” on page G–18.

What caused Nicholas Brozovic’ and his fellow geologists to first believe that glaciers influence the height of mountain ranges?

- A. models of mountain terrain
- B. analysis of prominent features
- C. pictures of the mountain summits
- D. measurements of various elevations

### **Comparison and Contrast – LA.910.1.7.7**

#### **Sample Item 29 Compare**

The Grade 9 sample item below is based on “Swing Is the Thing!” on page G–6.

According to the article, what do musicians Benny Goodman, Elvis Presley, and the Beatles have in common?

- A. All studied music in New Orleans.
- B. All attracted audiences of enthusiastic fans.
- C. All helped to revive interest in swing music.
- D. All performed for soldiers serving in World War II.

#### **Sample Item 30 Contrast**

The Grade 9 sample item below is based on “A Day in the Stream” on page G–2.

How does the narrator’s impression of her client and his wife change throughout the essay?

- A. At first, she sees the couple as idle, but then she realizes they have earned the right to relax.
- B. At first, she assumes the couple values wealth, but then she sees they really value each other.
- C. At first, she sees the couple as mismatched, but then she realizes they are devoted to each other.
- D. At first, she assumes the couple is too sophisticated for the ranch, but then she sees they appreciate nature.

### **Sample Item 31 Contrast**

The Grade 10 sample item below is based on “Quest-4 Cell Phone—User Manual” on page G–16.

The CALENDAR SYMBOLS chart is different from the other text features in the user manual because it

- A. lists events in order of importance.
- B. illustrates how to input calendar dates.
- C. provides a key for categories of calendar entries.
- D. clarifies the operating instructions of the cell phone.

### **Sample Item 32 Contrast**

The Grade 10 sample item below is based on “Woman with Flower/Offspring” on page G–15.

In “Offspring,” how are the images of nature in the first stanza different from those presented in the second stanza?

- A. While the images in the first stanza are realistic, those in the second stanza are surreal.
- B. While the images in the first stanza are extraordinary, those in the second stanza are commonplace.
- C. The images in the first stanza refer primarily to the speaker, while those in the second stanza refer to the general reader.
- D. The images in the first stanza show the dependence of the daughter, while those in the second stanza demonstrate her independence.

## **Analyze and Evaluate – LA.910.6.2.2**

### **Sample Item 48 Analyze and Evaluate Information**

The Grade 9 sample item below is based on “National Park Service Homepage” on page G–4.

The homepage of the National Park Service website would be useful for all of the following purposes EXCEPT

- A. planning a family vacation.
- B. locating information about a summer job.
- C. comparing mountain ranges around the world.
- D. writing a research report about weather conditions.

## **Validity and Reliability – LA.910.6.2.2**

### **Sample Item 49 Determine the Validity and Reliability of Information**

The Grade 9 sample item below is based on “Swing Is the Thing!” on page G–6.

Which sentence from the article best explains why big-band music appeals to several generations?

- A. “The infectious, up-tempo beat and rich orchestration were—and still are— tailor-made for dancing.”
- B. “The music provided a real-life soundtrack for two of America’s most trying eras— the Depression and World War II.”
- C. “President Franklin Roosevelt even declared that the music could ‘inspire a fervor for the spiritual values in our way of life and strengthen democracy.’ ”
- D. “Though swing music came of age in the 1930s, its roots go back much earlier to the blending of African and Euro-American musical traditions that flourished in New Orleans in the early 20th century.”

**Sample Item 51 Determine the Validity and Reliability of Information**

The Grade 10 sample item below is based on “Cutting Off the World’s Roof” on page G–18.

What is the strongest evidence in support of the glacial erosion theory?

- A.** The tallest mountains are those closest to the equator.
- B.** The faults are forty miles long and several miles deep.
- C.** Angles of mountain slopes increase below the snow line.
- D.** Rocks of similar ages appear at different heights and locations.

**Synthesize Information – LA.910.6.2.2****Sample Item 50 Synthesize Information**

The Grade 10 sample item below is based on “Quest-4 Cell Phone—User Manual” on page G–16.

To correctly add an entry to the cell phone calendar, the user must read which two sections of the manual?

- A.** *ADDING CALENDAR ENTRIES* and *CALENDAR SYMBOLS*
- B.** *ADDING CALENDAR ENTRIES* and *USING THE CALENDAR*
- C.** *ADDING CALENDAR ENTRIES* and *ACCESSING CALENDARS*
- D.** *ADDING CALENDAR ENTRIES* and *DELETING CALENDAR ENTRIES*